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SUBJECT: MTN: SECTORS -- JAPANESE VIEWS ON NEXT SECTORS GROUP
MEETING

1. WE MET WITH JAPANESE DEL (TERADA, HARIGUCHI) OCT. 30
TO DISCUSS NEXT SECTORS GROUP MEETING AND TO SOLICIT
SUPPORT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAT STUDIES IN THE
CHEMICALS, ELECTRONICS, AND HEAVY ELECTRICAL MACHINERY
INDUSTRIES.

2. TERADA EXPLAINED THAT HIS DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE SECTORS GROUP MEETING NOV. 3 ARE NARROW
AND DO NOT ALLOW JAPANESE TO SUPPORT THE INAUGURATION
OF NEW SECTORAL STUDIES BY THE SECRETARIAT. HE INDICATED
FURTHER THAT JAPAN WILL RESIST THE EXPANSION OF THE
EXISTING GATT STUDIES IN THE METALS SECTOR AND SECTORS
OF INTEREST TO LDCS. IN RESPECT TO THE LATTER,
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HARIGUCHI NOTED THAT JAPAN HAS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS

WITH THE HIDES AND SKINS AND FISHERY SECTORS.

3. TERADA ATTRIBUTED JAPANESE RESISTANCE TO FURTHER ACTION IN THE SECTORS GROUP TO JAPANESE PREFERENCE FOR GENERAL SOLUTIONS AND FEARS BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THAT ADDITIONAL STUDIES WOULD LEAD TO DOMESTIC PRESSURES BY OTHER, UNNAMED JAPANESE SECTORS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A SECTORAL BASIS. HE ALSO REPEATED JAPANESE FEARS THAT U.S. INSISTENCE FOR STUDIES IN THESE SECTORS IS PROTECTIONIST INSPIRED AND DESIGNED TO LEAD TO TRADE-LIMITING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SECTORS. HARIGUCHI CITED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON COPPER AS EVIDENCE THAT JAPANESE FEARS OF SALAMI TACTICS IN THE SECTORS GROUP WERE WELL FOUNDED.

4. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, TERADA ADMITTED THERE MIGHT BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CANADIAN APPROACH AND OURS AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR ARGUMENTS TO TOKYO. HE DOUBTED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE ALTERED FOR THE NOV. 3 MEETING. HARIGUCHI ASKED IF THE U.S. WERE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS IN TOKYO, INDICATING THAT FUTURE JAPANESE FLEXIBILITY ON SECTORS STUDIES WOULD PROBABLY DEPEND UPON A CLARIFICATION IN TOKYO OF THE U.S. POSITION. WALKER

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